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SUBJ: ROKG REQUEST FOR FISHERIES GOOD OFFICES WITH USSR

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1. HAHM TAE KYUK, DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU OF MOFA, STATED TODAY THAT ON FURTHER CONSIDERATION, PARTICULARLY OF AMBASSADOR IRVING'S VIEWS, THEY WISHED TO THINK MORE BEFORE ASKING THE USG TO PROCEED WITH THE USSR.

2. HAHM SAID THEY WOULD REALLY LIKE A CLEARER STATEMENT OF WHY WE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD NOT PROCEED NOW. ECON COUNSELOR SUGGESTED THAT AS LONG AS THE USSR DID NOT PREVENT THEM FROM FISHING AND HAD NOT ISSUED A STATEMENT SUGGESTING THEY INTENDED TO, THEY LOST NOTHING BUT RISKED SINGLING THEMSELVES OUT BY RAISING MATTER NOW AND BEING DEALT WITH SUMMARILY. IF THEY WAITED AND ASKED US TO APPROACH THE RUSSIANS AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER COUNTRIES WERE TOLD TO APPLY AND AS THE

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RUSSIANS WERE NEGOTIATING FOR A U.S. QUOTA, THE USSR WOULD FEEL UNDER SOME OBLIGATION TO TREAT THE ROKG CONSISTENTLY.

3. ECON COUNSELOR ALSO SUGGESTED THEY MIGHT WISH TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY TO KEEP TRACK OF WHETHER THEY HAD STARTED DISCUSSIONS WITH

THE USSR. HAHM THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE DIFFICULT  
BECAUSE JAPAN WAS A FISHING COMPETITOR. ECON  
COUNSELOR REPLIED HE THOUGHT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY  
MIGHT TAKE A BROADER VIEW AS THEY WOULD ONLY  
BE ASKING TO BE KEPT INFORMED.  
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